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	BENGALI.				
1	"Bangabandhu" ...	Calcutta	Weekly ...	Barendra Lal Mukerjee, Brahmin, age 28.	1,000
2	"Bangaratna" ...	Ranaghat ...	Do. ...	Kanai Lal Das, Karmokar, age 30	The paper is not widely circulated.
3	"Bangavasi"	Calcutta	Do. ...	Behary Lal Sarkar, Kayastha, age 53	15,000
4	"Bankura Darpan" ...	Bankura	Do. ...	Ram Nath Mukherji, V.L.M.S., Brahmin, age 49.	800
5	"Basudeva"	Calcutta	Do. ...	Kedar Nath Bharati, Brahmin, age 35	1,000
6	"Basumati"	Ditto	Do. ...	Suresh Chandra Samajpati ...	15,000
7	"Birbhum Hitaishi" ...	Suri	Do. ...	Bibhuti Bhusan Paitandi, Mukhtear	300
8	"Birbhum Varta" ...	Do.	Do. ...	Debendra Nath Chakravarti Brahmin, age 37,	800
9	"Burdwan Sanjivani" ...	Burdwan	Do. ...	Prabodha Nanda Sarkar. Kayastha ..	900 to 1,000
10	"Chinsura Vartavaha" ...	Chinsura	Do. ...	Dina Nath Mukherji, Brahmin, age 42	850
11	"Daily Hitavadi" ...	Calcutta	Daily ...	Panchcowri Banerji, Brahmin ...	5,000
12	"Dainik Chandrika" ...	Ditto	Do. ...	Hari Dass Dutt, Kayastha, age 39 ...	400
13	"Dharma"	Ditto	Weekly ...	Aravinda Ghosh, Kayastha, age 45 ...	2,000
14	"Dharma-o-Karma" ...	Ditto	Monthly ...	.....	.....
15	"Education Gazette" ...	Chinsura	Weekly ...	Shibnarain Baunerji, M.A., B.L Brahmin.	1,500
16	"Ekata"	Calcutta	Do. ...	No fixed Editor in evidence. Principal contributor is Hari Dhan Kundu Teli, age 34 years.	1,000
17	"Hitavadi"	Ditto	Do. ...	Panchcowri Banerji, Brahmin ...	30,000
18	"Hindusthan"	Ditto	Do. ...	Hari Das Dutt, Kayastha, age 39 ...	1,000
19	"Jagaran"	Bagerhat ...	Do. ...	Behary Lal Roy	600
20	"Jasohar"	Jessore	Do. ...	Ananda Charan Chaudhury, Kayastha, age 35; Surendra Nath Mitra, Kayastha.	500
21	"Kalyani"	Magura	Do. ...	Biseswar Mukherjee, age 45, Brahmin; and Tarak Brahma Sikdar, Kayastha.	1,200
22	"Karmayogin"	Howrah	Do. ...	Amarendra Nath Chatterji, B.A., Brahmin, age 32.	2,000
23	"Khulnavasi"	Khulna	Do. ...	.....	.....
24	"Manbhum"	Purulia	Do. ...	Bagola Chandra Ghose, Kayastha, age 37.	About 300
25	"Matribhumi"	Chandernagore ...	Do. ...	Surendra Nath Sen, age 32, Hindu ...	500
26	"Medini Bandhav ...	Midnapore ...	Do. ...	.....	.....
27	"Mihir-o-Sudhakar" ...	Calcutta	Do. ...	Sayyid Osman, Muhammadan, age 35; Maulvi Reyazuddin Ahmad, Muhammadan.	4,000
28	"Murshidabad Hitaishi" ...	Saidabad	Do. ...	Bonwari Lal Goswami, Brahmin, age 45.	Small.
29	"Navajivani-o-Swadeshi Christian."	Calcutta	Tri-weekly ...	Revd. Lall Behari Shah, Native Christian, age 24.	300
30	"Nayak"	Ditto	Daily ...	Priya Nath Guha, Kayastha, age 37...	3,000
31	"Nihar"	Contai	Weekly ...	Madhusudhan Jana, age 50	200
32	"Pallivarta"	Bongong	Do. ...	Charu Chandra Roy, Kayastha, age 36	400
33	"Pallivasi"	Kalna	Do. ...	Sosi Bhusan Banerji, Brahmin, age 44	600
34	"Prachar"	Calcutta	Monthly ...	.....	.....
35	"Prasun"	Katwa	Weekly ...	Purna Chandra Chatterji, Brahmin, age 45; Banku Behari Ghose, Goala, age 39.	500
36	"Pratikar"	Berhampore ...	Do. ...	Kamakhya Prosad Ganguli, Brahmin, age 61.	Poor.
37	"Purulia Darpan" ...	Purulia	Do. ...	Amulya Ratan Chatterjee, Brahmin, age 38.	About 300
38	"Ratnakar"	Asansol	Do. ...	Rakhal Chandra Chakravarti, Brahmin, age 27; Gopal Chandra Mittra, Kayastha, age 62.	500
39	"Samaj Darpan" ...	Salkia	Do. ...	Purna Chandra Mukherji, Brahmin, age 48.	140
40	"Samay"	Calcutta	Do. ...	Ganendra Nath Das, M.A., B.L., Brahmo, age 56.	800
41	"Samvad Purnachandrodaya"	Ditto	Daily ...	Purna Chandra Ghattak, Brahmin, age 45.	50
42	"Sanjivani"	Ditto	Weekly ...	Shiva Nath Sastri M.A.; Ramananda Chatterjee, M.A.	7,000
43	"Sevika"	Diamond Harbour ...	Monthly ...	.....	.....
44	"Soltan"	Calcutta	Weekly ...	Maulvi Muhammad Monirazzam, Musalman.	1,500

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	BENGALI—*concld.*				
45	"Sri Sri Vishnu Priya-o-Ananda Bazar Patrika."	Calcutta	Weekly ...	Mrinal Kanti Ghose, Kayastha, age 39	2,000
46	"Twenty-four Parganas Vartavaha."	Bhawanipur ...	Do. ...	Hem Chandra Nag, B.A., Kayastha, age 27.	1,000
	HINDI.				
47	"Banga Kesri"	Calcutta	Fortnightly ...	Nowsadika Lal, Kayastha, age 26 ...	200
48	"Bharat Bandhu" ...	Ditto	Weekly ...	.....	.....
49	"Bharat Mitra" ...	Ditto	Do. ...	Mahabir Prasad, Vaisya, age 36; and Amrita Lal Chakravarti, Brahmin, age 47.	3,200
50	"Bihar Bandhu" ...	Bankipore ...	Do. ...	Ram Kishore Singh, Ondhia Kurma, age 30,	500
51	"Bir Bharat"	Calcutta	Do. ...	Prantosh Dutta, Kayastha, age 36 ...	1,000
52	"Ghar Bandhu" ...	Ranchi	Fortnightly ...	Rev. Dr. A. Nottrott	1,000
53	"Jain Pataka"	Calcutta	Monthly ...	.....	.....
54	"Hindi Bangavasi" ...	Ditto	Weekly ...	Hari Kissen Joahar, Khettri, age 31	6,000
55	"Hitvarta"	Ditto	Do. ...	Rao Purandkar, Mahratta, Brahmin, age 28.	3,000
56	"Lakshmi Upadesh Lahri"	Gaya	Monthly ...	.....	.....
57	"Marwari"	Calcutta	Weekly ...	S. K. Tebrevala, Hindu, age 35 ...	500
58	"Sattya Sanatan Dharm" ...	Ditto	Do. ...	Radha Mohan Gokulji, Vaisya, age 40	300
59	"Sri Sanatan Dharm" ...	Ditto	Do. ...	Ambika Prasad Bajpa	200
60	"Shiksha"	Arrah	Do. ...	Shukul Narain Panday, Brahmin, age 35.	286
61	"Tirhut Samachar" ...	Muzaffarpur ...	Do. ...	Pandit Jaganand	142
62	"Bara Bazar Gazette" ...	Calcutta	Do. ...	.....	.....
63	"Burman Samachar" ...	Ditto	Monthly ...	.....	.....
	PERSIAN.				
64	"Namai Muqaddas Hablul Matin."	Calcutta	Weekly ...	Sayyid Jalaluddin, Shiah, age 59 ...	1,000
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65	"Al Panch"	Bankipore ..	Weekly ...	Syed Husain, Muhammadan, age 36...	250
66	"Darus Sultanat" ...	Calcutta	Do. ...	Quazi Abdul Latif, Muhammadan, age 36.	400
67	"Star of India" ...	Arrah	Do. ...	Munshi Muhammad Zaharul Haq, Muhammadan, age 40.	350
	URIYA.				
68	"Garjatbasini"... ...	Talcher	Weekly ...	Bhagiratti Misra, Brahmin, age 41 ...	.....
69	"Manorama"	Baripada	Do. ...	.....	.....
70	"Nilachal Samachar" ...	Puri	Do. ...	Baidya Nath Singh, Sikh, age 32 ...	700
71	"Sambalpur Hitaishini" ...	Bamra	Do. ...	Dinabandhu Garhnaik, Chasa, age 35.	.....
72	"Samvad Vahika" ...	Balasore	Do. ...	Harish Chandra Sarkar, Sadgope, age 53.	500
73	"Uriya and Navasamvad" ...	Cuttack	Do. ...	Ram Tarak Sen, Tamuli, age 48 ...	600
74	"Utkal Darpan" ...	Sambalpur ...	Do. ...	.....	.....
75	"Utkal Dipika „ ...	Cuttack	Do. ...	Gauri Sankar Roy, age 76	1,000
76	"Utkal Sakti"	Calcutta	Do. ...	.....	.....
77	"Utkal Varta"	Ditto	Do. ...	Moni Lall Moherana, Karmokar,	500

Additions to, and alterations in, the list of Vernacular Newspapers.

No.	Name of Publication.	Where published.	Edition.	Name, caste and age of Editor.	Circulation.
26A	"Muhammadi"	Calcutta	Weekly ...	.....	.....
43A	"Surbarnabanik" ...	Do.	Do. ...	.....	.....
8A	"Biswadut"	Howrah	Do. ...	.....	.....

Circulation.
2,000
1,000
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VI.—Miscellaneous.

"Invocation."

The *Suvarna Vanik* [Calcutta] of the 1st October publishes a poem invoking the goddess Durga in which the writer, one Hrishikesh Mallik Bhuti, speaks of the miseries of Bengalis, their poverty, their ill-health, their almost hopeless condition. The happy old days, says the writer, no longer exist. The vigour and hilarity of youth have given place to anxiety and gloom. In this state the Bengalis weep at the feet of the Mother, their only refuge, for deliverance, and pray for being born, if they have to be born again, in this country where, in spite of physical sufferings, which are often the best tutors of man in spiritual progress, men enjoy the unique privilege of worshipping the goddess. Sing, Bengalis, glory to the Mother, glory to the Mother. Wipe off the tears of past sorrows. To-day with renewed hope do the work of the Mother, uttering the name of Durga, the dispeller of sins. Come, come, O Mother, the giver of joy.

Suvarna Vanik, Oct. 1st, 1910.

Political significance of the image of Durga.

2. The *Suvarna Vanik* [Calcutta] of the 8th October finds the following political significance in the image and surroundings of the goddess Durga:—

The ten weapons in the ten hands of the goddess signify that a king wishing welfare and victory to himself should be an adept in all the branches of learning taught in the *shastras*. By keeping Sarswati, the goddess of intellectual culture, on her left side, the goddess Durga shows to kings the necessity of always acting under the advice of statesman-like, learned and able councillors. Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, on the right side of Durga, tells that kings should always be careful to acquire wealth. A king, desirous of victory, should engage faithful, heroic and expert warriors as his generals. For showing this Durga has placed her two sons Kartik and Ganes on her two sides, at the head of their cavalry and elephant corps. For punishing the wicked and protecting the virtuous, the goddess wields the half-moon-shaped weapon. Her ten arms signify that a king should have his eyes on ten sides. She rides a lion, because a king should attack his foes with the strength and valour of a lion. Conquered foes should be kept under control. For this the goddess bears articles for binding in her hand. She has three eyes, because a king should always be without lethargy, procrastination and fear—when the two eyes will sleep, the third eye will be open to see everything. The goddess is gold-coloured and refulgent, because a king should be active and full of spirit.

Suvarna Vanik, Oct. 8th, 1910.

The Partition Day celebration.

3. The *Darus Saltanat* [Calcutta] of the 14th October, commenting on the Government Notification regarding the Partition Day celebrations, the Urdu version of which it publishes in its columns, observes:—

There is no room for any objection to this notification. It is such a useful order that it should be accepted in the good spirit in which it has been issued by the Lieutenant-Governor. There is not the slightest doubt that to continue the agitation against a settled fact means not only waste of time but keeps men's minds disturbed, the result of which can never be good. His Honour's advice therefore certainly deserves to be followed.

Darus Saltanat, Oct. 14th, 1910.

RAJENDRA CHANDRA SASTRI,
Bengali Translator.

Bengali Translator's Office;
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No.	Name of Publication.	Where published.	Edition.	Name, caste and age of Editor.	Circulation.
1	"Amrita Bazar Patrika"	Calcutta ...	Daily ...	K. P. Chatterji, age 46, Brahmin ...	4,000
2	"Behar Herald" ...	Patna ...	Weekly ...	Monmatha Nath Dey, age 41, Pleader of Bankipore.	500
3	"Beharee"	Bankipore .	Bi-weekly ...	Sham Sankar Sahai, Pleader, and P. P. Sharma of Muzaffarpur.	750
4	"Bengalee"	Calcutta ...	Daily ...	S. N. Banerji, Kali Prasana Sen, age 39, and Kali Nath Roy.	6,000
5	"Bihar"	Patna ...	Weekly ...	Kali Kumar Sinha, B.A., B.L., Pleader of Bankipore, age 36, Kayastha.	750
6	"Day's News" ...	Calcutta ...	Daily ...	Bai Premananda Bharati, age 51, Hindu.	500
7	"Hindoo Patriot" ...	Ditto ...	Do. ...	Srish Chandra Sarbadhikari, age 41, and Koylash Ch. Kanjilal, Pleader, Sealdah Small Cause Court.	800
8	"Indian Empire" ...	Ditto ...	Weekly ...	Kesab Chandra Banerjee, B.A., age 46, Brahmin, and Panchanon Mazumdar, age 36, Hindu, Baidya.	1,500
9	"Indian Mirror" ...	Ditto ...	Daily ...	Rai Norendra Nath Sen Bahadur, age 61, Head of the Maha-Bodhi Society.	1,000
10	"Indian Nation" ...	Ditto ...	Weekly ...	Brojendra Nath Ghose ...	500
11	"Karmayogin" ...	Ditto ...	Do. ...	Editor's name not known for certain. Arabinda Ghose is one of the contributors to the paper.	2,000
12	"Kayestha Messenger"	Gaya ...	Do. ...	Jugal Kishore, age 37, Kayastha ...	500
13	"Musalman" ...	Do. ..	Do. ...	A. Rasul and M. Rahman, Muhammadans	500
14	"National Daily" ...	Do. ...	Daily ...	Bai Premananda Bharati, age 51, Hindu	500
15	"Reis and Rayyet" ...	Do. ...	Weekly ...	Jogesh Chandra Dutt, age 59, a Calcutta house-owner.	500
16	"Star of Utkal" ...	Cuttack ...	Do. ...	Kherode Ch. Roy Chowdhry, age 69, retired Head Master of a Government College.	400
17	"Telegraph" ...	Calcutta ...	Do. ...	Satyendra Nath Bose, B.A., age 32 ...	3,000

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No.	Name of Publication.	Where published.	Edition.	Name, caste and age of Editor.	Remarks.
1	"Day's News" ...	Calcutta ...	Daily ...	(See above)	Defunct.
2	"Karmayogin" ...	Ditto ...	Weekly ...	(Ditto)	Ditto.
3	"National Daily" ...	Ditto ...	Daily ..	(Ditto)	Ditto.

II.—Home Administration.

(b)—*Working of the Courts.*

Administration of criminal justice in the Punjab.

2037. In Sir Louis Dane's review of the Report on the administration of criminal justice in the Punjab, His Honour observed that any slackness in the rigour of the law may be attended by undesirable criminal developments, and that the leniency with which first offenders are dealt with, tempts them to a second trial of luck. Commenting on this the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* writes :—

Amrita Bazar Patrika, 10th Oct. 1910.

"So, according to Sir Louis Dane, it is the application of section 562, Criminal Procedure Code, which tends in a large measure to induce and encourage first offenders to take a second trial of luck. But, as a fact, in Bengal and other provinces there is an indication that the ruling authorities wish to impress all subordinate Magistrates the desirability of availing themselves of this particular section in dealing with first offenders and juveniles. This is perhaps anomalous, but it is not, to our mind, a case of the sauce for the goose being no sauce for the gander. It is an admitted fact that the object of punishment is in every country reclamation and prevention ; and this is because of obvious reasons. Evil surroundings, as also a sense of degradation, only help to develop and harden the criminal sentiments in unformed minds, while the absence of the above leads to opposite results. We are therefore at a loss to account for the views expressed by Sir Louis Dane."

Referring to His Honour's expression of displeasure at the decline of the number of whippings, the journal writes :—

"We fear the public, neither here nor in England, will lend any support to the plea put in by His Honour in favour of corporal punishment like whipping. Whipping as a punishment has been regarded more or less as cruel ; and that is why the slow machinery of the Indian Legislature has at last been moved to restrict the application of the birch to some extent, though not as fully as is desired. Yet the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab feels no hesitation to recommend it, and in doing so even to find fault with the supreme legislative authority. And the one effect of it will be, it is feared, to put a premium on this undesirable form of punishment."

(h)—*General.*

A serious postal complaint.

2038. The *Bengalee* publishes the following letter from a correspondent at Madaripur in the Faridpur district :—

Bengalee, 9th Oct. 1910.

"Babu Saroda Kumar Sen is a respectable mukhtear of this town. For some time past he has been receiving some attention from the Criminal Investigation Department. For the last two months he has not been receiving his letters from the Post Office regularly. It appears that his letters are intercepted and detained by the Postal authorities for reasons best known to them. Saroda Babu himself cannot assign any reasons for it. Though he was not getting any letters for some time, all on a sudden, on the 11th September last all his letters, extending over a period from the 20th August to the 10th September, were made over to him in a bundle by a man attached to the Post Office. They were altogether 20 in number, out of which one was a letter from his wife, and the others were open post-cards from clients and friends. You will be surprised to hear that since then up till now he has not received a single letter through the Post Office. The legitimate inference is that the same authorities are still at work in detaining and intercepting his letters. Saroda Babu is a professional man, and he is expected to get many letters from his clients from the mufassal. If innocent letters like these are detained without any rhyme or reason for weeks together, the situation must be very deplorable, and it cannot but tell upon his profession in the long run. If the Postal authorities have the right to open any letter, then is it not their duty to make it over to its rightful owner on the very day after examining it? What right have they to detain the letters for weeks together? Are they

impervious to any reason or common sense? If the sanctity of letters is violated in this way merely on suspicion, then we must say that we cannot conceive of a situation graver than this."

It is hoped that a careful enquiry will be instituted, with a view to putting a stop to the cause of complaint.

BENGALEE, 9th Oct. 1910.

Sub-Deputy Collectors.

2039. The *Bengalee* draws the attention of the Local Government to the following grievance existing among Sub-Deputy Collectors. On promotion to the Provincial Service these officers used formerly to be appointed sub. *pro tem.* at once; but now they are appointed as Probationary Deputy Collectors. The effect of this is to retard their promotion, since they have to work over a year on probation before they are gazetted sub. *pro tem.* It is suggested that the probationary period be dispensed with in the case of Sub-Deputy Collectors who become Deputy Collectors after years of approved service.

INDIAN MIRROR 9th Oct. 1910.

Opium-smoking.

2040. The *Indian Mirror* cordially supports the proposal for the abolition of opium-smoking which is at present under the consideration of Government. The journal is of opinion that an unqualified prohibition of opium-smoking is quite feasible, and that if it is enforced within a specified period, as is being done in China, it is not likely to be attended with any hardship, even to those who are addicted to the habit.

AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA, 17th Oct. 1910.

Bakarganj proclaimed.

2041. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* says that the notification issued by the Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam, proclaiming the district of Bakarganj, has caused much surprise, as the public are not aware of any particular unrest in that quarter at present.

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA, 10th Oct. 1910.

The anti-partition celebration.

2042. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* understands that the promoters of the partition celebration have decided to hold the annual celebration in the usual way. The Lieutenant-Governor having been pleased to admit its constitutional character, they do not see why they should not continue the agitation. The promoters are, however, unable to keep students away from the meeting. When the College authorities and the National Council of Education failed to prevent students from taking part in last year's demonstration, it is not possible for the organizers of the ensuing demonstration to control them. All that they can do is to discourage them, and this will be done. Special arrangements will be made to prevent the distribution of objectionable leaflets. The journal gives an assurance that objectionable speeches will not be permitted.

AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA, 17th Oct. 1910.

Ibid.

2043. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* trusts that the anti-partition demonstration will be attended by a large number of people to show that the feeling against the partition, in spite of numerous obstacles, is still as strong as ever.

HINDOO PATRIOT. 17th Oct. 1910.

Ibid.

2044. The *Hindoo Patriot* thinks that the country will not be benefited in any way by these annual demonstrations which, in the opinion of the journal, should now be abandoned.

BENGALEE, 18th Oct. 1910.

Ibid.

2045. The *Bengalee* says that, notwithstanding the disapproval of the authorities and the inclemency of the weather the anti-partition demonstration was a great success. Referring to the criticisms of the *Statesman* in this connection, the journal says that in national demonstrations the people desire to be left entirely alone, and do not need the encouragement of their so-called friends whose, aspersions, guised in the mask of friendly advice, have no other effect than to make them feel that they are in the right and that they ought to persevere in the course which the "Friends of India" condemn.

G. C. DENHAM,

Special Asst. to the Dcpy. Inspr.-Genl. of Police, Bengal.

OFFICE OF THE BENGAL SPECIAL DEPARTMENT,
9, ELYSIUM ROW,
The 22nd October 1910.

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